



As it happens, all newly cut lumber, especially oak lumber, cannot be used until it has had enough time to “season”, and oak requires years and years of air drying before it becomes seasoned enough to use. In the interest of time, the monks hauled the lumber to a local drying kiln, and in a few weeks, the lumber was sufficiently seasoned and ready to be cut and fashioned into the various shapes and sizes and patterns that were needed. In our carpenter shop the lumber was carefully planed and sanded. The wood was to be used in the construction of new choir stalls for our Abbey Church.